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Governor Williams Signs "Jim Crow" Booth Bill!

New Law is A Blemish On Intelligence

Next Legislature May Pass
A Law Prohibiting Negroes
From Wearing Any Style of
Clothes, Shoes or Hats That
White Folks Wear

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 1.—Governor Williams signed twenty-six of the bills on his desk. Among them was the Jim Crow Telephone Booth bill. Another to be approved was the irrigation law that is designed to encourage the formation of irrigation districts. He also signed the resolutions providing for submission of amendments to the constitution at the election in 1916.

The above is the result of some of the useless and foolish works of the fifth legislature and shows beyond a reasonable doubt that the majority of the members of both houses are very small and narrow minded. The telephone booths are made for only one person at a time and so far as we know no white person has ever been contaminated by using the booths after a colored person. "What fools these mortals be."

Annual Sermon of K. Ps. Preached By Rev. Brewer

The K. of P. annual sermon was preached here last Sunday in the Dreamland Theatre on North Greenwood by Rev. W. L. Brewer pastor of the C. M. E. church. The celebration was marked by an imposing dress parade of all the departments of the order which attracted much attention. Rev. Brewer's sermon in part was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies, Sir Knights of Pythians and Court of Calanthe, and many friends with greetings of joy I hail you, from the Old World and from the New. From N. A., S. A., Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. I am glad indeed to participate in this grand celebration and wonderful proclamation of a true and tried friendship of Bro. Damon and Pythias, for he is my friend.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." The meaning of a true and tried friend, one who is truthful and honest with all mankind, with his fellowmen; he who will divide a morsel of bread freely. No night too dark—no season too cold—no rain too heavy—no sun too hot to debar a friend from the rescue of a friend.

Damon and Pythias have proven a friendship that no others have proven a friendship that will stand when column Veerd once has crumbled and the glitter of titled aristocracy has faded in that he offered up his life upon the gallows or his neck for the gallant to his brother, on the day of execution to within three minutes of that fatal moment.

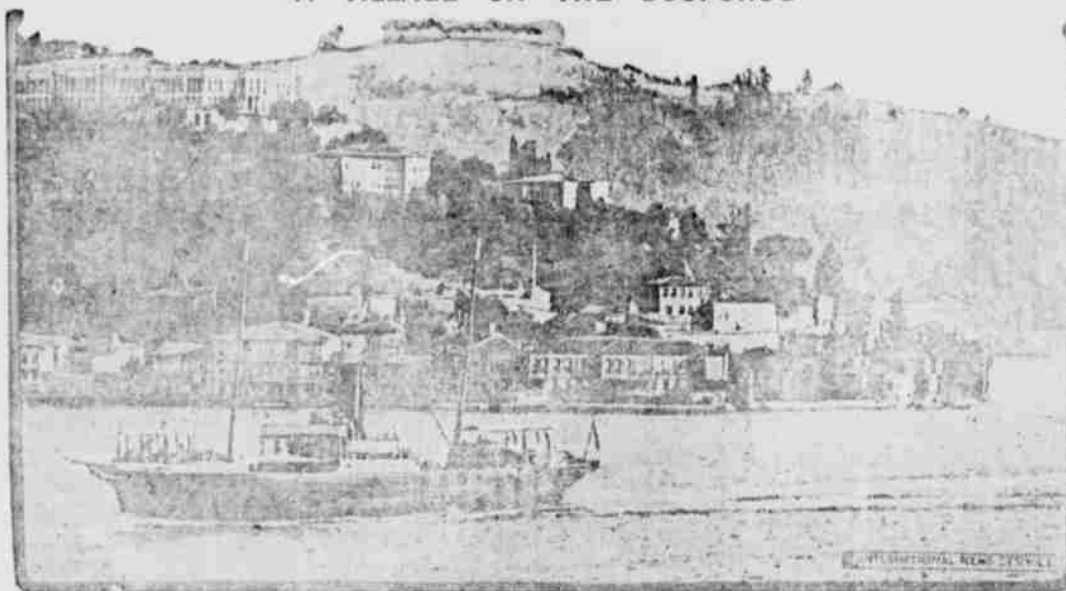
To prove the test of a true K. of P. see the book of Daniel 3rd chapter, 16-25th verses.

There is quite a contrast between a member of an order and a true friend of an order. Jesus tells of those wind of friends on the night that he was arrested, Matt. 26 chapter 50-55 verses.

Jesus on the cross; like Pythias on the gallows, spell bound death, and took the soul of a thief to help him bear the cross into Paradise, Luke 23 chapter 42-43 verses.

He is the Supreme Grand Chancellor. He is my friend, our God is able to deliver us, since he delivered Paul and Silas who were bound in jail.

A VILLAGE ON THE BOSPORUS



Cra Hill, a village on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, used as a residential quarter by British subjects.

Women May Launch Big Campaign

NEGRO TIES THE WORLD'S RECORD.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Sol Butler of Rock Island, negro athlete who last year put Hutchinson, Kan., on the map by his exploits, tied the world's record for the sixty-yard dash tonight in the preliminary tryouts of the sixth annual indoor interscholastic meet of Northwestern university. Butler defeated Patton of Englewood, making the 60 yards in six and two-fifths seconds.

The Lantern Quits Business

FRATERNAL PAPER PUBLISHED IN MUSKOGEE GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE.

The "Lantern" a fraternal paper published at Muskogee has "folded up its tent like the Arabs and as silent passed away" according to reports received at this office from Muskogee. The paper was supported mainly by the U. R. E. organization of this state of which order P. M. Selauer is the presiding head, and it was thought had a good following. Just why the "Lantern" went under is not known, but doubtless was because of bad management. W. H. Carter who at one time worked for the Star, had been in charge of the paper for nearly a year or longer.

Rob Lincoln to Testify at Poters Hearing

CHICAGO, March 29.—Robert Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, emancipator of the American negro and himself chairman of the board of directors of the Pullman company, one of the largest employers of negroes in the United States, is to appear at the hearing here next Monday of the federal commission on industrial relations. Mr. Lincoln is to tell of the conditions under which car porters employed by the company are compelled to work.

The commission desires to discuss with Mr. Lincoln the question of salaries paid the porters, commonly attributed to be the reason for the custom of tipping, and the likelihood of the tips having a debasing effect on the negroes.

POPULAR WOMEN TO WORK FOR LIBRARY; WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHERWISE HELP TULSA'S COLORED READING ROOM.

The Colored Library of this city, which is located in the lobby of the Tulsa Star, has become to be a favorite "loafing-hole" for the reading public of the East End, but the limited number of books now on the shelves makes it necessary that new books be purchased to meet the demands of the patrons of this worthy institution which was started more than two years ago by J. B. Stradford of this city. For a long time the burden of carrying this institution was shouldered by Mr. Stradford, who gave his time and money to give the colored people of Tulsa a creditable library and reading room. On one occasion he rented the Grand Theatre and engaged a talented young woman of Muskogee and others with some home taken to furnish an entertainment for the benefit of this library. On the account of inclement weather, however, not more than half a dozen tickets were sold and Mr. Stradford lost about \$75.00. This is only a small part of the expense he has borne to give the colored people of Tulsa the benefit of a library. He finally interested Mayor Wooden and thru him the city commissioners were persuaded to give \$10.00 a month which paid only for one half of the salary of the librarian Mr. Stradford had employed. Whatever the library is now or will be in the future, Mr. Stradford is entitled to the credit. He has certainly done more than his part to make possible this institution and every good citizen should love him for what he has done for his people.

With the knowledge of these things before them two good women of this city, in the persons of Mrs. Sula Dudley and Mrs. A. L. Phillips, have decided to start a campaign for the benefit of the colored library and they will expect the hearty support of the general citizenship of Tulsa.

These ladies are sincere in their efforts to promote the library and the man or woman who would for any reason withhold their support from it is not worthy of their room in Tulsa. A series of public entertainments will be given in the lobby of the Star office and other places to raise funds with which to buy new books and better equip the library. Let every good citizen cheerfully respond.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Please Read Carefully and Remember Hereafter the following rates will be strictly adhered to in all publications which come under these heads:

Wedding announcements	\$1.00
Wedding write-ups	\$2.50 up
Business announcements	\$1.00
Card of Thanks	50c
Memorials	50c up
Obituaries	50c up
Social write-ups (when long lists of names are given) per line counting six words to the line	3c

Little Girl Severely Burned

Little Vivian Scott, the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson 608 E. Archer was severely burned about the face, arms and hips Wednesday night when her clothing accidentally caught fire from the stove. Mabel Sapp, a young woman who was also severely burned about her hands and arms in her efforts to extinguish the flames. Both are resting nicely today.

Obiuary

A most painful sorrow came to the order of the A. F. and A. M. upon the death of Bro. Phineas Whipple, who died with smallpox at his home in Tulsa on the morning of March 27th. He was made a mason in Redford Lodge, No. 114 at Mt. Vernon Mo. in May 1902. He was elected secretary of the lodge the same year which office he held, at the time of his death, his parents moved to Carthage, the same state. Bro. Whipple was married in Carthage to Miss Bonnie Porter. He lived there several years and came to Tulsa, about a year ago, his masonic record was an honorable one. A great light of our fraternity has fallen. With others was my very dear friend. Mr. Whipple was a manly man who loomed large among his fellows, standing high in the community in which he lived, none knew him but to love him and to praise him. With sad hearts we place sweet flowers upon his bier, and sweet incense burn in token of our grief. He rests peacefully, he sleeps a dreamless sleep. But is this the end of him and the aspiring hopes of all good masons? No, blessed be God he has only received further light, he has laid down the working tools of life to be given the working tools of Heaven, he has only finished his work here and gone to the eternal city to have his earthly work inspected by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and it is our prayer and belief that he will hear the welcome enter thou into the many mansions of glory and we too brothers as soon shall follow.

Farewell brother and friend till we meet again.

Fraternally, J. F. Owens, W. M.

Citizens of Rentiesville Making Hard Fight For Railroad Accommodation

DID HE DECEIVE THEM?

SCHOOLMASTER'S ASSERTION WAS NEVER VERIFIED.

True or Not, However, It Had the Effect of Making Culprits Own Up to Guilt and Take the Consequences.

Describing the lighter side of school life, Ian Hay, the Scotch novelist, tells of a schoolmaster who called his boys together.

"A very unpleasant and discreditable thing has happened," he said. "The municipal authorities have recently erected a pair of extremely ornate and expensive lampposts outside the residence of the mayor of the town."

"Those lampposts appear to have attracted the unfavorable notice of the school."

"Last Sunday evening, between seven and eight o'clock, they were attacked and wrecked, apparently by volleys of stone."

There was a faint but appreciative murmur from those members of the school to whom the news of this outrage was now made public for the first time. But a baleful flash from the schoolmaster's spectacles restored instant silence.

"Several parties of boys," he continued, "must have passed these lampposts on that evening, on their way back to their respective houses after chapel. I wish to see all boys who in any way participated in the outrage in my study directly after second school. I warn them that I shall make a severe example of them."

His voice rose to a blare. "I will not have the prestige and fair fame of the school lowered in the eyes of the town by the vulgar barbarities of a parcel of ill-conditioned little street boys. You may go!"

The audience rose to their feet and began to steal silently away. But they were puzzled. The Old Man was no fool, as a rule. Did he really imagine that chaps would be such mugs as to own up?

But before the first boy reached the door the head spoke again.

"I may mention," he added very gently, "that the attack upon the lampposts was witnessed by a gentleman resident in the neighborhood, a warm friend of the school. He was able to identify one of the culprits, whose name is in my possession. That is all."

And quite enough, too. When the schoolmaster visited his study after second school he found 17 malefactors weekly awaiting chastisement.

But he never divulged the name of the boy who had been recognized, or, for that matter, the identity of the warm friend of the school. I wonder!

Canada's 72-inch Reflector.

Work is progressing rapidly on this instrument, which will be probably, for a short time only, the largest telescope in the world, pending the completion of the 100-inch reflector for Mr. Wilson. The disk for the great mirror started from Antwerp about a week before the war broke out. After its arrival at New York the Pennsylvania railroad was about a week in finding a suitable car to transport it to Pittsburgh, and then there was further delay before an iron wagon could be obtained to transport it to Doctor Brashear's workshop, where it was finally placed on the grinding table. The hazardous work of boring and smoothing of the hole in the center of the mirror has been accomplished with entire success. It is expected that the mounting will be completed by October next.—Scientific American.

RENTIESVILLE, Okla., March 29.—

Mr. A. J. Smitherman, Editor, Tulsa Star, Tulsa, Okla.

My Dear friend:

Just now we are making strenuous efforts—and having the fight of our lives—to better conditions in and around the railway station here at this place; in other words we are striving with might and main to secure railway station trucks, a freight office, cotton platform and a decent depot, none of which we have. You were here a few months ago, and, very likely, distinctly remember these things. We have been trying for several months—in many ways—to obtain the rudest and most meager accommodations along the lines above indicated, and have failed. Thru our local business league—as our records show—we have written and petitioned the different department heads of the "Katy," and each time without result. At the same time conditions have grown from bad to worse, until now they have become all but unbearable. The wares of our merchants are loaded and unloaded without either the service of a platform or a truck, and in some instances broken because of that fact. Because of the lack of a freight office those at this place who find it necessary to ship things from time to time must either go to Checotah or Okla. to "bill" them out, thus entailing loss of time and great inconvenience. The agent here is not allowed a salary but a mere commission and in many cases his whole month's pay will not exceed \$15.00; and this notwithstanding the fact that his entire time is taken up in the services of the company. SUCH CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT ANY OTHER PLACE ON THIS ROAD.

As a last resort we have filed a complaint against the company with the Corporation Commission and a hearing is granted us on April 13. We are hoping for relief. We cannot see how it will result otherwise in view of the volume of business done here, both in points of ticket sales and other traffic. I note with much pride—and it has strengthened me in hope for our just and righteous cause—Mr. Dearman's efforts to better conditions for our people at Osage, which act appears in the column of your valued paper.

Whatever you can do to assist us in our just contentions I assure you will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours respectfully,
B. C. FRANKLIN.

Johnson Throws Bull For Sport

Havana, Cuba, March 31.—Jack Johnson, champion pugilist of the world, celebrated his 38th birthday here today in high spirits and a perfectly contented state of mind.

The champion is attracting a deal of attention and betting on the fight next Monday with Jess Willard the white hope is all in his favor.

Wrestles a Bull

Johnson was out for a five-mile ride on the road early in the morning. Later he pushed a steam roller and wrestled a bull, the bull losing. When cautioned against over-exercising himself, Johnson said he must celebrate his 38th birthday which occurred today.

Johnson declared today that it was likely he would win inside of 20 rounds. He praised Willard, but said that ring experience must tell. He added that all champions are defeated if they stick to the game long enough, but declared that he was now as good as ever and consequently could not see defeat facing him in this, his final battle.